

taken for them. Neither does the colouring of the figure well agree with my specimen, which, when fresh from the water, had a dark-bluish-grey back, with sides and belly of a silvery grey, reflecting a brassy lustre in certain directions of the light. The dorsal, pectoral, and caudal fins were a deep black; the ventral and anal fins a silvery grey. The indigo-blue spots in pairs near the lateral line in the figure seem to occupy the places of colourless mucous pores, which were observed in my specimen at irregular intervals near that line.

From this fish were obtained two species of Entozoa, viz. some large specimens of a *Distoma*, and several examples of a Tænioid worm, measuring altogether some feet in length.

## 2. REMARKS ON THE FRINGILLA INCERTA OF RISSO.

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Mr. George Dawson Rowley has entrusted to me, for exhibition to the Society, a little bird which was brought to him alive at Brighton on the 13th of March last, having been caught in a net in that neighbourhood. It was ascertained by dissection to be a female; and, after examining it, I cannot but suspect that it may have been from specimens similar to it that the descriptions of the female of the so-called *Fringilla incerta* of Risso and other Continental writers have been drawn up. I have never before seen a specimen which agrees with these accounts, nor have I had access to the original authorities; but the compilation from them published by Dr. Degland (Ornith. Europ. i. p. 202) so accurately describes the present example that I do not hesitate to quote it.

“*Femelle*: Dessus de la tête, derrière du cou, scapulaires, dos et sus-caudales d’un brun olivâtre, plus clair à la tête, nuancé de gris sur les côtés du cou et sur le haut du dos; poitrine et flancs d’un gris olivâtre, avec des taches longitudinales plus foncées; abdomen et sous-caudales d’un blanc sale; rectrices et rémiges, d’un noir olivâtre, avec le bord externe liséré de vert grisâtre, les premières terminées de gris sale, ce qui forme deux bandes sur les ailes; rectrices de la couleur des rémiges; pieds d’un brun fauve.”

At the time of his writing the above passage, Dr. Degland states that the *Chlorospiza incerta* was unknown to him; but he subsequently says (*op. cit.* ii. p. 540) that he had obtained a male, taken in a net near Lille, in September, 1849, and adds that he was previously wrong in calling the species a *Chlorospiza*, for it was evidently a true *Pyrrhula*. This last assertion awakened the ire or the ridicule of Prince Bonaparte, who persists (*Revue Critique*, pp. 31, 32) in his former assignment of the bird to *Chlorospiza*\* (*Comp. List of Birds*, 1838, p. 30), as he also does later (*Consp.*

\* There is apparently a misprint of 1852 for 1832, as the date of the establishment of this genus, in Mr. G. R. Gray’s most useful ‘Catalogue of the Genera and Subgenera of Birds,’ p. 77. In the ‘List of the Specimens of British Animals,’ &c., part iii. Birds, p. 100, the latter date is given, with the reference ‘Pr. Bonap. Sagg. Distr. Met. Anim. Vert.’; but I have been unable to consult the original work.

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